

WASHINGTON, DC - House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Ranking Member Darrell Issa (R-CA) and Domestic Policy Subcommittee Ranking Member Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) have sent a letter to Committee Chairman Edolphus Towns (D-NY) and Subcommittee Chairman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) calling for a controversial Obama appointee Kevin Jennings to appear before the Committee.

Among the many questionable activities he engaged in prior to being named Safe Schools Czar, Jennings conducted a seminar containing graphic and disturbing sexually explicit information for 12 year-old schoolchildren while serving as executive director of the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network, as well as an incident in which he failed to report a 15 year-old student's sexual abuse from an older man.

"The vetting undertaken by this Administration during its hiring processes, as well as the standards it imposes, appear inadequate. In some cases, individuals have displayed troubling behavior that renders them unfit to serve the American people. This is especially true for Mr. Jennings," wrote Issa and Jordan.

Jennings, who once declared "We have to quit being afraid of the religious right....I don't care what they think! Drop dead!" in a 2000 speech, wrote about his past illegal drug abuse in his memoir, expressing no regret for his action or words of caution to young people.

Issa and Jordan wrote, "Mr. Jennings' past behavior calls into question not only his fitness to serve the American people, but also the Administration's vetting procedures and standards for his employment. If non-confirmed czars are not required to appear before a Senate confirmation panel, then they should, at the very least, appear before this Committee to justify their behavior to the American people."

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